

CHARLIE CRIST GOVERNOR

FLORIDA TO INFORM FAMILIES FIRST WEEK

WHEREAS, the State of Florida driver's license emergency contact enrollment program has proven to be a highly effective way to enhance the lives of Floridians of all ages and backgrounds in providing a critical need to law enforcement in the event of an emergency since its inception in October 2006; and

WHEREAS, To Inform Families First became a resource to meet state and local needs through the work of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, including valuable information to all branches of law enforcement in critical emergencies and information that enables law enforcement investigations; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' emergency contact information system allows all individuals with a valid Florida driver's license to voluntarily provide emergency contact information online or when applying for a driver's license and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is urging all individuals with a valid Florida driver's license or Florida identification card to enter their emergency contact information into the Driver and Vehicle Information Database (DAVID) system; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators has recognized the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles with an award for excellence in customer service for the department's creation and promotion of its TIFF contact information system; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles urges all licensed drivers in the State of Florida to input their information so loved ones can be contacted more quickly when a family member is seriously injured or killed in a traffic crash and the DHSMV has strengthened Florida's ability to provide a critical need to families and friends of loved ones involved in an emergency and thus far TIFF has resulted in more than 1 million emergency contact registrations from licensed drivers across the state as of April 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 2 – 9, 2008 as Florida To Inform Families First Week.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 30th day of September, in the year two

Governor